Grant of CCS to Exporters

726. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several representation have been pending with the Government for grant of cash Compensatory Support to those exporters who had completed export deal, received money in foreign exchange, transferred title of the export goods and delivered the same to honded warehouses prior to the issuance of the administrative circular letter dated the 3rd July, 1991 imposing a ban on CCS;

(b) whether some such exporters had to await buyers despatch instructions of shipments;

(c) whether an estimate has been worked out of the total sums to be due and payable to such exporters who completed the export account prior to 3rd July, 1991;

(d) the details of representations pending from private and public sectors;

(e) whether no action has been taken to settle these claims to encourage real export business;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) what further steps are being taken to resolve these issue?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (g) The Scheme of Cash Compensatory Support (CCS) has been withdrawn w.e.f. 3.7.91. The withdrawal order is effective prospectively only. Accordingly, exports physically effected on or upto the midnight of 2.7.91 were eligible for the CCS benefits.

The categories of exports where even deals completed, payments received, etc., but the physical exports were not affected on or before 2.7.91, are not eligible for such CCS benefits.

Some representations were received to entertain CCS claims of the nature indicated above. However, as the exports in these cases ha4 not physically taken place OH or before 2.7.91, these were rejected and the parties were informed.

Problems of Tobacco Growers

727. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tobacco Board in its meeting on the 23rd April, 1992 passed certain unanimous resolutions to resolve the problems of tobacco growers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number out of them which are being implemented; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE *MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES,* CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The following three resolutions were passed:

(1) To propose to the Govt, of India to permit Tobacco Board/STC to purchase upto 15,000 MTs at the prices to be arrived at by working back from MEP. To purchase the above quantity, the Govt, of India may be requested to grant interest free revolving fund of Rs. 50 crores to the Tobacco Board/STC.

(2) To request the Govt, of India to set apart certain portion of the Rs. 850 crores of technical credit given to Russian Federation by Govt, of India for purchasing the balance 10,000 MTs of tobacco as signed in the protocol.

(3) To set up vigilance squads to curb illegal purchases and sale.

(c) and (d) The position in respect of these resolutions are given below:—

(1) The Board made the request to the Government. However, there was no need in 1992 to purchase tobacco by the Board or any other Government Agency, as all the tobacco was purchased by the traders above the assured prices indicated by the trade in the meeting with the representatives of

the growers and Indian Tobacco Association.

(2) The Board made the request to the Government. By January, 1993 a total quantity of 15,446 MTs of Tobacco was exported to Russia against the 1992 Trade Plan Provision of 25,000 MT, utilising the Technical Credit of US $ 40 million given to Russia.

Besides, the Government of India has agreed to extend the remaining technical credit of US $ 85 million out of the technical credit granted under the Trade Protocol 1992, for utilisation by the Russians in 1993. This credit is to be utilised for making payments for purchase of goods specified in the Trade Protocol of 1992, which includes Tobacco.

(3) This resolution is being implemented by the Tobacco Board.

Export of FCV Tobacco

728. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of F.C.V. tobacco exported each year during the last three years indicating therewith the unit value realisation and the names of importing countries;

(b) whether there is any proposal to bring non-FCV tobacco- also under Tobacco Board Act; and

(c) if so. what is the stage of its consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Details of export of FCV Tobacco during the last three years are given below:—

Year	Quantity	Unit value
1989-90	35370	31.50
1990-91	47017	35.23
1991-92	49622	50.48

(Source: Tobacco Board)

The names of major importing countries are given below:

United Kingdom, Belgium, France, Germany, Irish Republic, Netherland, Italy, Czechoslovakia, PDRY, Iraq, Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Singapore, North Korea, Egypt, Libya, New Zealand, CIS countries.

(b) and (c) The question of bringing non-FCV Tobacco also under the Tobacco Board is under consideration of Government.

Export of Pulses

729. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of pulses exported in 1992-93;

(b) the quantity of pulses imported during the same period together with the cost; and

(c) whether the export of pulses has been restricted through a single agency and if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Data regarding imports and exports will be collected and laid on the table of the House after the year is over. DGCI&S has already been requested to do the needful in this connection. Information in respect of import of pulses for the period April-November, 1992 is readily available from DGCI&S. Imports during this year are estimated at 3,94,170 tons valued at Rs. 221.14 crores.